

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Report for the month of APRIL 1947.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

POPULATION

The population of the State on the 31st December 1946 was estimated to be 498,146, comprising 257,663 males and 240,483 females.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

			MARCH		3 months ended MARCH	
			1947	1946	1947	1946
Marriages	..	No.	439	471	1,454	1,301
"	..	*Rate per 1000 of population	10.34	11.25	11.81	10.71
Births	..	No.	1,080	774	3,562	2,443
"	..	*Rate per 1000 of population	25.43	18.49	28.94	20.12
Deaths	..	No.	355	355	1,093	1,068
"	..	*Rate per 1000 of population	8.36	8.48	8.88	8.79
Infant Mortality	No.		47	27	124	82
"	Rate per 1000 live births		43.52	34.88	34.81	33.57

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH --

Tuberculosis	11	16	36	42
Cancer	54	30	149	122
Influenza	1	1	1	3
Diphtheria	-	2	2	4
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	27	27	87	98
Arteriosclerosis	9	13	43	24
Diseases of the Heart	88	89	266	275
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia	17	21	60	65
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	1	5	6	13
Nephritis	8	16	32	34
Diseases of Early Infancy	21	11	57	40
Senility	7	7	33	24
Accidents	27	22	76	84
All Other Causes	84	95	245	240
TOTAL	355	355	1,093	1,068

*Equivalent Annual Rate

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the four months ended April totalled 195,216 acres, an increase of 118,277 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 2,330,634 acres, an increase of 1,513,349 acres

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of APRIL		10 months ended APRIL	
	1947 £.	1946 £.	1947 £.	1946 £.
Revenue ..	1,329,416	1,185,956	11,525,069	11,014,580
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.13.1d.	£2.8.1d.	£23.3.2d.	£22.8.0d.
Expenditure ..	1,329,515	1,181,153	12,204,700	11,826,290
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2.13.1d.	£2.7.11d.	£24.10.5d.	£24.1.0d.

SAVINGS BANKS

Deposits on the 30th April amounted to £36,219,638, or £72.5.0d. per head of population, as against £37,570,554, or £76.2.10d. per head as at the 30th April last year.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearances for the 5 weeks ended 30th April 1947 amounted to £3,999,957, compared with £3,158,582 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		APRIL		10 months ended April	
		1947	1946	1947	1946
Transfers ..	(No. .. £. ..)	1,455 741,251	1,387 542,878	15,310 7,966,092	11,864 5,038,567
Mortgages ..	(No. .. £. ..)	837 754,735	651 550,746	8,745 7,679,204	4,891 4,268,024
Discharges of Mortgages	No. ..	795	682	7,995	6,280

Sales Tax: Sales of Taxable & Exempt Goods and Tax Collected

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross) £.	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross) £.		
1946 ..				
April	915,207	871,315	1,641,961	141,175
May	1,162,813	932,276	1,995,413	168,832
June	1,129,462	985,112	1,556,333	158,664
July	1,017,708	731,534	2,054,818	142,235
August	734,719	824,237	1,483,285	164,837
September	1,066,352	1,298,683	2,006,343	163,108
October	1,335,348	1,012,132	2,018,926	200,216
November	1,226,307	1,002,723	1,727,609	186,457
December	922,086	690,278	1,550,072	131,072
1947 ..				
January	1,236,382	1,272,141	1,893,777	171,721
February	981,890	1,571,910	2,100,827	130,422
March	1,025,999	1,034,280	1,706,073	148,223
April	1,032,193	904,783	2,181,750	131,075

COMPANIES REGISTERED

80 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £1,798,750, and 37 Foreign Companies were registered during the ten months ended 30th April 1947. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 46 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £799,100, and 19 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	Ten months ended April					
	1947			1946		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	16	14,568	3,523	8	16,281	8,259
Deeds of Assignment (a)	8	12,997	9,023	1	2,025	230
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow :-

	MARCH		9 months ended March	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Gross Earnings	£. 363,200	384,300	2,985,300	3,067,600
Working Expenses	£. 396,702	350,869	3,196,200	3,021,050
Train miles run	615,330	578,040	4,927,718	4,718,463
Passenger Journeys	1,515,281	1,661,468	10,295,264	12,879,153
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	237,593	261,597	1,747,453	1,883,964
Livestock	12,259	11,487	117,097	108,389
Departmental (Free Freight)	40,358	40,609	373,337	343,950
Total	290,210	313,693	2,237,887	2,336,303
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	36,149,836	34,156,945	246,116,212	242,930,708
Livestock	1,331,521	1,347,789	14,518,788	12,718,951
Departmental (Free Freight)	6,410,736	6,332,975	59,142,138	50,508,585
Total	43,892,093	41,837,709	319,777,138	306,158,244

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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1945	32	218	8	107	39	475	9	174
Year 1946	536	328	11	422	637	718	16	513
1947 -								
January	111	27	2	52	149	79	2	66
February	95	38	1	65	137	108	1	85
March	84	54	1	67	129	156	1	80
April	63	34	3	34	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945 -								
June	18,478	6,603	244	2,783	30,635	23,649	294	4,501
December	18,399	6,771	201	3,184	30,403	25,367	244	5,109
1946 -								
June	19,214	7,989	204	4,295	31,316	28,147	309	6,794
December	19,770	8,878	243	4,709	31,777	30,096	319	7,324
1947 -								
January	19,774	8,883	250	4,806	30,777	27,920	304	7,332
February	20,142	9,151	251	4,983	31,972	29,836	309	7,660
March	20,268	9,297	252	5,111	32,315	30,471	318	7,866
April	20,281	9,295	253	5,169	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available

(3) COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles)

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1947 - APRIL	90	385	5	3

T R A D E

9 Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) - March 1947 and 1946,
and 8 months ending March 1947 and 1946 - expressed in terms of Australian Currency.

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	9 months ended		9 months ended		9 months ended		9 months ended	
	MARCH	March	MARCH	March	MARCH	March	MARCH	March
	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946
	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)
Oversea	926	559	6,958	4,090	2,598	2,857	17,004	13,344
Interstate	1,148	1,297	14,962	11,622	1,014	185	3,560	5,176
Total	2,074	1,856	21,920	15,712	3,612	3,042	20,564	18,520

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA

Period	*New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
APRIL 1947	97	110,457	2	148	275	16,842	374	127,447
APRIL 1946	113	106,489	21	13,195	290	36,967	424	156,651
10 months ended April 1947	1295	1,443,176	81	84,040	2,318	302,154	3694	1,829,370
10 months ended April 1946	995	849,057	74	53,311	2,124	263,720	3193	1,166,088

*Including dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme, except those for construction in South Perth Road District or by Public Works Department.

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS
(15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	*New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
APRIL, 1947	29	26,765	6	3,050	66	9,883	101	39,698
APRIL, 1946	24	17,280	6	2,670	56	4,778	86	24,728
10 months ended April 1947	256	217,158	33	13,374	439	48,949	728	279,481
10 months ended April 1946	157	112,762	35	14,147	355	30,062	547	156,971

*Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme.

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES

253,085 lbs. were produced during March and 11,673,131 lbs. for the nine months ended March 1947, as against 256,574 lbs. and 11,239,070 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION

		4 months ended			
		APRIL		APRIL	
		1947	1946	1947	1946
Quantity	Fine Oz.	52,448	41,297	219,324	161,147
Value (Australian Currency)	£.	564,477	444,458	2,360,486	1,734,348

Dividends Reported by Gold Mining Companies for the four months ended April 1947 amounted to £202,812. Dividends reported for the corresponding period last year were £79,062.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base, Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

	APRIL		10 months ended April	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Food and Groceries -				
Metropolitan	1087	1067	1062	1065
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1218	1201	1194	1193
Northam	1104	1082	1077	1071
Bunbury	1086	1064	1063	1049
Geraldton	1110	1091	1086	1084
Collie	1102	1079	1076	1073

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1943	1944	1945	1946(a)	1947(a)	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	128	137	142	145	162	865	826	870	995	1134
February	130	138	142	148	163	861	824	868	1016	1138
March	132	139	144	151	163	846	825	877	1045	1145
April	134	139	144	153		835	827	876	1051	
May	131	140	144	154		836	832	891	1069	
June	135	139	145	154		835	829	903	1087	
July	136	140	146	156(a)		828	832	899	1096	
August	136	140	145	157		814	832	897	1109	
Sept.	137	140	143	158		806	834	914	1114	
October	138	140	141	161		801	837	929	1118	
November	136	141	141	160		814	851	965	1133	
December	137	142	145	161		840	886	1012	1165	

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1946 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA
(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	APRIL		10 months ended April	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	16,524	16,125	164,771	156,414
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	13,897	14,376	140,421	132,706

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
April, 1947	4,929	167	53,342	9,296
April, 1946	4,839	110	58,766	12,661
4 months ended April 1947	19,879	995	284,222	46,427
4 months ended April 1946	19,212	725	254,096	58,627

